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1. KACHINGWE CONFIRMED JUNE 6 THAT GOM IS ACTUALLY RECONSIDERING ITS ORIGINAL NEGATIVE DECISION ON BICKEL. HE STATED THAT, AS HE HAD INDICATED TO ME LAST WEEK, GOM WOULD WELCOME ASSIGNMENT OF NEW DAO AND THEREFORE BICKEL CASE SHOULD NOT BE LINKED TO ABERNATHY'S DEPARTURE. KACHINGWE WILL BE ABSENT FROM LILONGWE FOR A FEW DAYS WITH PRESIDENT BANDA SO FINAL DECISION WILL BE DELAYED EVEN FURTHER, BUT IT APPEARS THAT THERE IS GOOD CHANCE THAT BICKEL'S ASSIGNMENT WILL BE APPROVED.

2. IN VIEW PARA 1 REFTEL AND FIRST SENTENCE PARA 2, IT MAY BE DESIRABLE TO CONVEY OUR REACTION TO GOM ACTION TO THE GOM BEFORE TOO LONG. I SUGGEST THAT IF BICKEL'S ASSIGNMENT IS APPROVED THAT I BE PERMITTED TO CONVEY SENSE OF THOSE TWO SENTENCES TO GOM WHEN I AM SO INFORMED ABOUT BICKEL.
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